

# PROGRESSIVE CLUB



February 18th, 1938.

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Very sincerely,

Committee:

A. Louise Airey,  
Nellie A. Armistead,  
Alice Algar, Chairman.



Dear Madame Secretary

March 1/38

Regret on account of distance  
I cannot attend meetings, but will some  
one please represent me at your meetings  
by passing a resolution to, (in some  
way) guard against Automobiles on  
the beach. These are a menace to  
Children & most of us bought beach chairs  
because and for our Kiddies. I believe  
it is Federal property?

Also last year several  
times joy-riding air planes landed  
on the beach to permit their pilots  
to meet girl friends & go in  
Bathing. A letter from your organization  
to the proper quarter especially if  
plane number was quoted, would soon  
stop the dangerous practice

Thanking you for your good  
Work I remain Bthummer



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A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely belonging to Alice Algar, the Chairman of the Committee. The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish that extends downwards and to the right.



# SEA DOWNS

P.O. Box 102  
Stinson Beach, Calif.

March 1st 1938.

Stinson Beach Progressive Club,  
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

The Panoramic Highway, 6.6 miles long of which 4.6 miles runs through State Park property and 2 miles through private property is doubtless well known to the members of your Club.

This road was a unit of the 1925 Bond Issue and in 1938 is still not completed. Several Supervisors in past years as well as the incumbent Supervisor for this district have pledged that the paving of this road would be completed, but so far nothing has ever been done about it.

It is an essential link in Marin County's net work of roads for attracting tourists, who after all are potential residents. Both Private Citizens as well as those engaged in business in this community should in my opinion capitalize the scenic beauty of this area by making a concerted effort to have this important project completed at the earliest possible date.

I would suggest that the Board of Supervisors of Marin County be memorialized to provide the necessary funds to complete the paving of this road. In my opinion it would be of no value to press the Supervisor of this district for action, as all funds have either been pledged or spent already, in spite of promises to take care of this paving job, and further in my opinion, it is a General County obligation, in which all parts of the County should participate.

The road must be completed before the start of the coming Exposition if we are to benefit from the Tourist traffic which this event is sure to attract. It should also be pointed out to the Supervisors that The Panoramic Highway should be an alternative route to the now congested Shoreline Highway.

I believe that this paving work can be done for an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000.00 and it is my thought that this community should get behind this project and hammer away until it is done. The residents of Bolinas should be asked to join in helping to put it over.

Mr. Landsburg has informed me that he will draw up the formal memorial to the Board of Supervisors if he is requested to do so.



# SEA DOWNS

P.O. Box 102  
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Doubtless other members of the Club will have some valuable ideas to add to the foregoing, all of which can be incorporated in the memorial to the Supervisors.

The important point as I see it is to start the ball rolling, and to furnish other Marin County communities with a copy of our memorial, with the request that they add their support to this project. After the memorial is before the Supervisors, a systematic follow up should be maintained so that the matter is not forgotten or dropped.

## Telephone Night Service:

I understand that there are sufficient telephones in Stinson Beach to warrant twenty four hour service.. Would it not be to our interests to have this service available. Perhaps the Club can do something to bring this about.

I regret a previous engagement does not permit me to submit these matters before the Club at its regular meeting, and I hope that they are of sufficient interest and importance to merit your early attention.

Yours very truly,



T. W. Malmgren.



March 5, 1938.

Mr. R. Pedersen,  
County Supervisor,  
Marin County.

Dear Sir;

This organization had its regular meeting the other evening and there was much discussion by the towns folks regarding the condition of the paving on the hill roads in our little community.

Since the winter rains, there have been several places that have needed paving repairs on this section, and we feel that if it is not done soon, it will cost the district much more than if it were attended to right away. We have been unable to catch Mr. Caltoft to ask him if he has checked on these items, but perhaps you will be coming thro Stinson within the near future and you can check for yourself.

There are several places where gopher holes or springs have weakened the paving and it is slowly crumbling away. Then there is a fairly large area where Cribbing was built to hold the road above the sloping lots below, and that is settling very badly, showing that this cribbing needs some reinforcing, before we lose that section of the road altogether by a slide into the lot below.

We hope that you will take action on these very necessary repairs before our traffic increases for the spring.

Hoping to hear from you,

Yours very truly,

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH ,

Hilda M. Grunert,  
Secretary.

*Hilda M. Grunert*



# PROGRESSIVE CLUB



March 10, 1937

The Progressive Club of Stinson Beach has been holding regular monthly meetings the past year and all necessary business has been transacted. Election of officers for the ensuing year was held and those holding office were re-elected.

The ever-important matter of garbage removal has often been discussed but no solution has as yet been found. Altho no other large problems have been brought before the Club this year its members have been alert and have kept an eye on such matters as road and highway improvements, change in water rates, and beautifying and keeping clean roadsides.

We have kept in close touch with the Marin County Planning League, Marvelous Marin, Redwood Empire Association, Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta, and their activities, and continue to stand ready to work for the good of the community when the occasion arises.

A group of Stinson Beach residents are taking a course in First Aid, given under the auspices of the Red Cross in anticipation of the establishment of a Red Cross First Aid Station.

You owe it to yourself to join with us and we need your support and co-operation. The yearly membership dues of \$1.50 are solicited at this time and may be paid to our secretary, Hilda M. Grunert, Stinson Beach, Calif.

Very sincerely,

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OFFICE OF  
**ASSESSOR OF MARIN COUNTY**  
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

March 11, 1938

Mr. W. B. Marble,  
Stinson Beach, California.

Dear Mr. Marble:

Following our very pleasant conversation of Tuesday evening relative to the public's interest in Beach frontage at the Upton Tract, I made a careful check of the records and find I was in error and I hasten to correct same.

I am enclosing a small sketch of the Tract, showing the stretch of beach frontage deeded by Mr. Upton to the County in exchange for certain repairing of rights of way by the County which I have indicated also on the sketch.

I have called the home of Mrs. Evers but have not been able to contact her to explain the case to her also.

The charging of a small fee by Mr. Upton at his gate I am at a loss to explain, but we may be able to dig up more information which might clear up that point also.

With this information definitely determined, it may not be necessary to have the Conservation League Committee meet in Stinson Beach, but I don't think it would do a bit of harm for them to visit your section and go into your further problems.

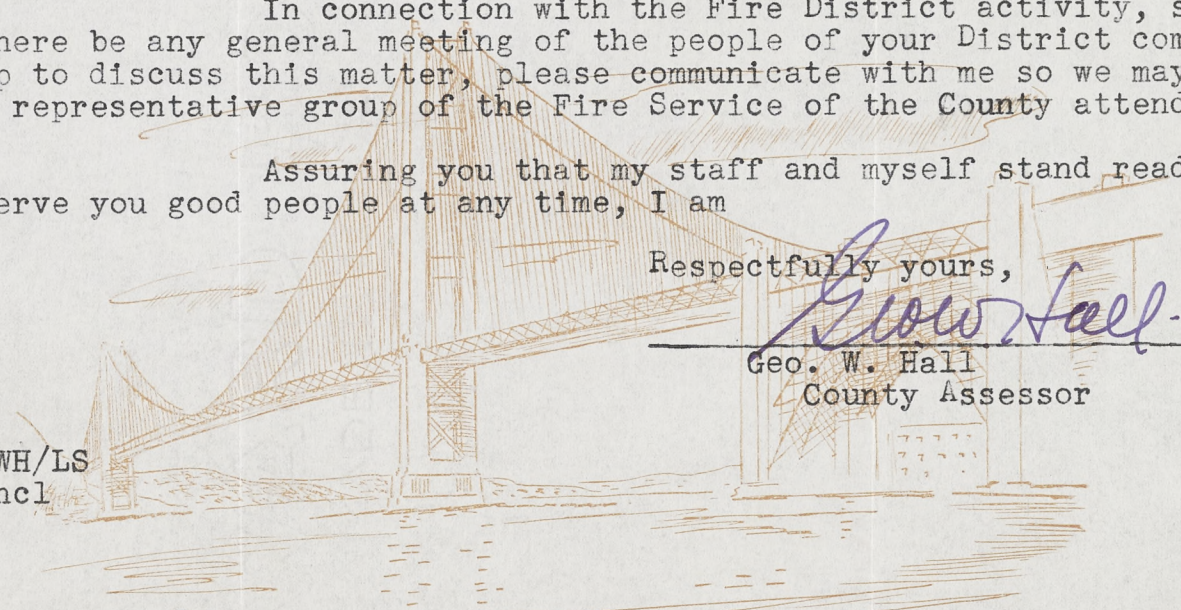
In connection with the Fire District activity, should there be any general meeting of the people of your District coming up to discuss this matter, please communicate with me so we may have a representative group of the Fire Service of the County attend.

Assuring you that my staff and myself stand ready to serve you good people at any time, I am

Respectfully yours,

  
Geo. W. Hall  
County Assessor

GWH/LS  
Encl



*Golden Gate Bridge - Gateway to Marvelous Marin.*



Dist. IV office  
Calif Div. of Highways  
State Bldg.  
Civic Center. S.F.



T. A. Dennis  
Maintenance Engineer  
Dept of Public Works  
12th & N Streets Sacramento

copy

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Col Jno H. Steggs District Engineer  
District IV San Francisco - Original Letter

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Send copies of your Steggs letter to  
A. S. Moore. Petaluma -  
John Barrett Pt. Reyes  
also who ever is in charge of the other  
section of our Road. (Islands Corner to  
Head of Lagoon)  
Geo Weymouth. S Highway Dept  
San Rafael.  
H.B.M. (South of S. B.)



Mrs Hilda Gruent.



Division Supt

Mr A. S. Moore

PO Box 151 Petaluma

Send duplicate  
copy of letter  
regarding  
donor's  
copy

Colonel Tno Skegg  
State Bldg  
San Francisco  
Send original  
letter to him

Skegg is Division

Engineer of Dist No II  
with office in S.F. & this  
includes Suisun Beach

John  
Jack Barrett  
Petaluma Port Reyes

L. H. Dennis.

Chief Engineer.  
Sacramento.



April 13, 1940.

Col. John H. Skeggs,  
District Engineer,  
State Building,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

We wish to let you know that this community greatly appreciated the wonderful work the highway crews did in keeping our roads open both north and south of the town of Stinson Beach during and after the last storms.

We think the crews in particular should know that we appreciate their efforts. We would like to mention in particular; Mr. T. H. Dennis, Maintenance Engineer; Mr. A. S. Moore, Division Superintendent; Mr. John Barrett, who is in direct charge north of Stinson Beach; and Mr. Geo. Weymouth, who is in direct charge south of Stinson Beach. These men are all to be complimented on their efforts made in our behalf.

We fully realize that our roads are difficult to keep open when the storms are severe, but your men have been so constantly on the job that we no longer have cause to worry.

Please know that we extend a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned, and assuring you of our sincere appreciation,

Yours very truly,

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH.

Hilda M. Grunert,  
Secretary.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**  
DISTRICT IV  
2001 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
April 19th, 1940

PLEASE REFER  
TO FILE NO.

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Miss Hilda M. Grunert  
Secretary  
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Madam:

Acknowledgment is made to your letter of April 13th advising of the appreciation of members of your Club for the effort made by the Highway maintenance crews in keeping road conditions in the vicinity of Stinson Beach as nearly normal as possible during the recent heavy storms.

Your comment on the work of the men actually in charge of keeping the highways open under such difficult conditions is received with a great deal of pleasure. We are sending copy of your letter to the men who, we know, will greatly appreciate your consideration and expression of thanks.

Very truly yours

Jno. H. Skeggs  
District Engineer

By *P. J. Harding*  
Assistant District Engineer



Copy sent to Mr. Hall.

July 7, 1938.

Mr. A.E. Bagshaw,  
District Attorney,  
Marin County.

Dear Sir;

At the meeting of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach last evening it was unanimously voted that the Secretary send you a letter of thanks to endeavor to show you that we - as a community - appreciate the time you have taken and the effort you have made to solve the many problems that arose regarding the organization of our Stinson Beach Fire District.

Next Wednesday we hope to see it definitely settled by a good majority vote.

Again assuring you of our appreciation and thanking you sincerely,

Yours very truly,

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH.

Hilda M. Grunert,  
Secretary.

*Hilda M. Grunert*



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**  
DISTRICT IV  
STATE BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

July 11th, 1938

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Miss Hilda M. Grunert  
Secretary  
The Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach, Marin County  
California

Dear Madam:

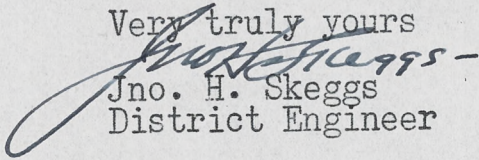
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 7th asking that we consider placing a double white traffic stripe through the town of Stinson Beach when the lines in that vicinity are repainted.

The painting of double lines on pavements is not in order except in locations where limited sight distance, usually at the crest of grades or in dividing a four-lane pavement, qualifies such locations for this type of striping.

Field investigation indicates that the area referred to would not qualify this section of roadway in the town of Stinson Beach for such striping and we therefore can not comply with your request.

It is also noted that you wish to have the striping on the road between Stinson Beach and Richardson Bay Bridge repainted as soon as possible. Our field investigations show that this line still is in serviceable condition except for a few places where short sections have been obliterated by patching and temporarily covered by dust from clean-up work in a small portion. This condition has already been considerably improved by traffic whipping the dust off the road and should be comparable with the rest of the roadway and satisfactory until such time as our traffic stripe crew is again working in that vicinity.

Very truly yours

  
Jno. H. Skeggs  
District Engineer



September 8, 1938.

Mr. Frank Worrall,  
Stinson Beach,  
California.

Dear Mr. Worrall;

Our organization and the community  
as a whole wish to thank you and your fellow committee  
members, Mr Hart and Mr. Hagenbuch, for the excellent  
work you all did in getting our Stinson Beach Fire  
District organized and accepted.

We all owe you a debt of gratitude  
for the work you performed and again we wish to say,  
we thank you,

Yours very truly,

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

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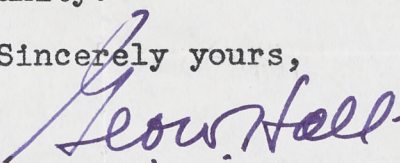
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach, California

Attention Hilda M. Grunert:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have your very kind letter of the seventh, expressing your appreciation of the help of my office in preparing some of the data necessary for your fire District election and I wish to assure you that I was glad indeed to be able to help out in such a worthy cause and I shall consider it a pleasure to have you again call on me at any time in the future that you feel I may be of service to your Club and your community.

Sincerely yours,



Geo. W. Hall,  
County Assessor.



Write Your Friends - - "One Of The Exposition Highlights --  
A Trip Over The Golden Gate Bridge To Marvelous Marin"



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1125 Russ Building Phone YUkon 1588

July 28, 1938

Mrs. Hilda M. Grunert  
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Grunert:

I understand the Progressive Merchants' Club of Stinson Beach meets the first Wednesday of each month.

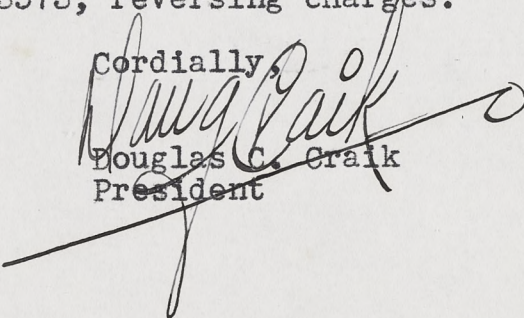
I am herewith submitting you the plans of the Bicycle Marathon, sponsored jointly by the California Cyclists' Association and the Cyclists Relations Committee of the State of California. The Association is planning a marathon. I've suggested Stinson Beach, as it would be a grand opportunity to draw a few thousand people, entrants, friends and parents, to show them what Stinson Beach has to offer.

Stinson Beach will be publicized not only in every San Francisco, East Bay and Marin County newspaper, but also by display posters on San Francisco street cars and prominent stores.

Please bring this to the attention of the Progressive Club, as the Association is asking Stinson Beach to donate \$35.00 to help defray expenses.

If you wish me to be present at your meeting to explain the proposed event more thoroughly, just phone me at the office or EXbrook 3573, reversing charges.

Cordially,

  
Douglas C. Craik  
President

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August 8, 1938

Miss Hilda Grunert  
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Dear Miss Grunert:

This will confirm our conversation of yesterday regarding the bicycle marathon. From the mail and enquiries in the office this morning it makes me believe a tremendous interest is showing already. I might add the following information for your files regarding the officers and directors of this association.

The association is formed of a group of former athletes interested in furthering and stimulating the interest in cycling. Cyclists are eligible to join the association throughout the state. Our connections will be established with Eastern, Middle West and North West associations. During spring and summer when groups will be touring the country this association will welcome them and take care of their needs. There is a tremendous movement under way of establishing hostels for those interested in cycling. There are hundreds throughout the East, with California boasting seven already established. For a nominal fee the cyclist may receive his or her bed, meals and bicycle repairs. After all expenses have been paid a percent of the profits, if any, will go toward promotional and sinking fund. There will be expenses attached in the future to further this movement.

I will appreciate your check for \$11.60 toward the perpetual trophy. I believe I have satisfied those to whom I talked yesterday regarding the construction of this event. The association would naturally appreciate the \$25.00 donation now to help defray further expenses. However, if it is your wish to hold this amount until after the marathon is over we will comply with your wish.



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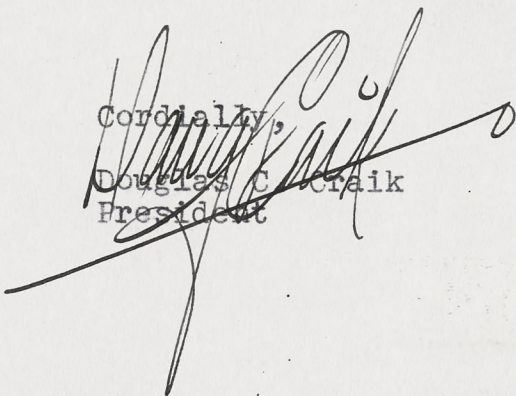
Miss Grunert:

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August 8, 1938

Stinson Beach is now receiving tremendous publicity and recognition throughout not only Alameda and San Francisco counties but Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties. Already direct mail has been issued to various parts of the East exploiting the movement of this association.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Cordially,  
  
Douglas C. Craik  
President

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# PROGRESSIVE CLUB



August 28, 1938.

Mr. Craik,  
California Bicyclists Asso.,  
San Francisco.

Dear Sir;

I have been unable to collect the full amount  
you asked of the town, but below is an itemized statement  
for our mutual information as to what has been collected;

Progressive Club of Stinson Beach:	\$ 10.00
Sea Downs Resort:	2.50
Aireys Grocery Store:	2.50
Hilda M. Grunert, Real Estate:	2.50
<del>Alars</del> Grocery and Cottages:	2.50
L. & L. Grocery at beach:	2.50
Ted's Ice Cream and Hamburger Stand:	2.50
Bungalow Grocery Store	2.50
Sea Beach Hotel:	2.50
Pepper Tree Auto Court:	1.00
Total Collected:	\$ 31.00
Sent Check for peppetual trophy Aug.11:	10.60
Balance: Checks enclosed:	\$ 19.40

We sincerely hope that the Marathon is a success,

Yours very truly,

Hilda M. Grunert,  
Secretary of the Progressive Club.

*Hilda M. Grunert*



August 11, 1938.

Douglas C. Craik,  
State of California Cyclist Association.  
San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Craik;

Received your letter of August 8th and  
am enclosing the money requested for the perpetual trophy.

We also wish to thank you for the opportunity  
you have given us in regard to the perpetual trophy being  
a Stinson Beach trophy.

Our Organization made the check out directly  
to the Cyclists Organization and the balance I am adding to it  
from the funds I have collected. Total enclosed being \$11.60

We should like to hear from you about the  
week preceeding the Marathon. At that time, if you can let  
me know something further regarding the approximate number  
of paid up entries, I will be able to collect from the rest  
of our townsmen, the sums necessary to make up the balance  
towards your expense account.

I am hoping that Mr. Fusselman was right when  
he told me that if your plans went over with as big a bang as  
you hoped, there would be no need for our small contributions.

However, as soon as you can let me know of  
something definite regarding the deficiencies of your expense  
account and the real need for the additional cash, I will go  
ahead with the collections.

Wishing for the complete success of this  
venture,

Yours very truly,

Hilda M. Grunert,  
Secretary,

Progressive Club of Stinson Beach.

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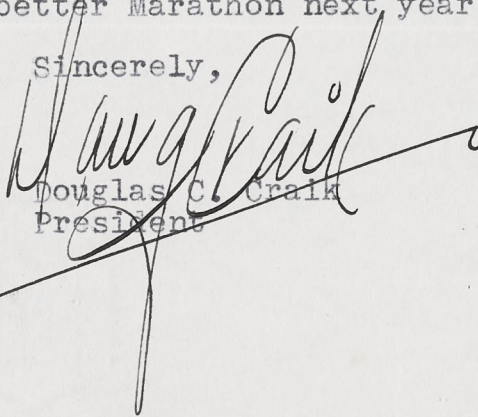
Mrs. Hilda M. Grunert  
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Mrs. Grunert:

Please accept my personal thanks and that of the California Cyclists Association for the participation and splendid cooperation your organization showed us on the Bicycle Marathon. It is the sincere wish of the California Cyclists Association that you found it profitable financially and from the standpoint of publicity.

Enclosed is a report of the expenses and revenue on this event. Your help is very greatly appreciated, as the Association suffered quite a loss - in spite of the turnout. For, as in all first ventures, many mistakes were discovered too late, numerous improvements are now evident. But all this experience will help us put over a bigger and better Marathon next year!

Sincerely,

  
Douglas C. Craik  
President

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# REPORT OF EXPENSES & REVENUE ON BICYCLE MARATHON

7/20	Gas	1.80
7/24	Stamps	.40
7/30	Gas	1.80
8/2	Stamps	1.20
8/3	Stamps	.80
8/6	Gas & Oil	2.20
8/9	Stamps	1.63
8/11	Stamps	.21
8/16	Gas	1.80
8/16	Stamps	.62
8/19	Gas	1.80
8/19	Stamps	1.21
8/23	Gas	8.73
8/23	Stamps	1.83
8/24	Tags	4.00
8/24	Gas	1.80
8/24	Stamps	1.80
8/24	Bridge	1.00
8/25	Gas	1.80
8/25	Oil	.50
8/25	Bridge	2.00
8/25	Stamps	.80
8/26	Gas	1.80
8/26	Phone	.30
8/26	Stationery	.80
8/27	Gas	1.80
8/28	Gas-Oil	4.60
8/28	Straw	2.10
8/28	Misc. Exp.	3.00
8/29	<u>Printing:</u>	
	500 3 ply	
	posters,	
	2 colors....	63.00
	2000 letter-	
	heads & en-	
	velopes.....	16.50
	500 car	
	stickers....	28.00
	500 entry	
	tags.....	11.00
	1000 receipt	
	blanks.....	9.00
8/29	18 Records	9.00
8/29	Pierson & Co.	
	Steno	16.12
8/29	Beresford	
	Steno	32.50
8/29	Langevin Co.	
	Sound Equip.	40.00
8/29	Truck Rent	31.26
8/29	2 Drivers @	
	\$4.00.....	8.00
8/28	Bridge	9.25
8/28	97 Passengers	
	@ 10¢ each	9.70



REPORT OF EXPENSES & REVENUE ON BICYCLE MARATHON--page 2

8/29	Michael Tufo	
	Trophies	23.00
8/29	A. W. Henry	
	Composition	9.75
8/29	B. Pasquale	2.01
8/29	Scofield	
	Letter	
	Service	12.64
8/29	Pacific	
	School	
	Supply Co.	2.11
8/29	Dept of	
	State	<u>2.00</u>

TOTAL.....\$388.97

Less Stinson  
Beach Contrib-  
ution.....\$ 31.00

Less Entry  
Fees.....\$ 51.00

Less Advertising  
on Program over  
& above cost of  
printing.....\$ 20.00

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July 27, 1938.

MARVELOUS MARIN  
..... INCORPORATED

To All Members  
Board of Directors

Subject: Dipsea Race.

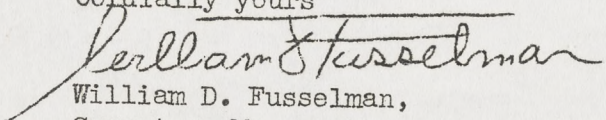
We were given the wrong information by Mr. Harry Benton, who apparently was misinformed himself. Yesterday Mr. Benton talked to me on long distance and indicated he was in the process of putting up a fight in order to get Marvelous Marin, Inc. as the official sponsor.

To make a long story short, I attended a meeting of the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association at noon today in Room 735 of the Phelan building, San Francisco. Apparently there was no thought on the part of the Sunrise Breakfast Club to abandon its sponsorship, and they have \$150.00 raised for the event, which amount is twice that which we had intended to spend.

I informed the meeting of the misinformation which had been supplied us and assured them our interest was only to see that the race was not abandoned and also that Marin County under the name "Marvelous Marin" would be fully publicized with the event -- and that I was sure the Board of Directors under the circumstances would withdraw from the picture and cooperate by putting up a team trophy for the event.

I trust you will approve of the action taken. Please indicate your thought on the enclosed post card and return immediately.

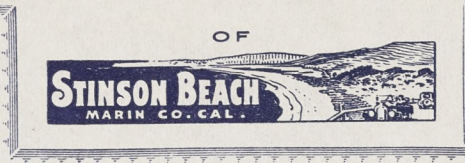
Cordially yours

  
William D. Fusselman,  
Secretary-Manager.

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# PROGRESSIVE CLUB



August 5, 1938.

Colonel John Skeggs,  
State Building,  
San Francisco.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of July 11 and in your file no. 404.73 received some time ago. The other evening when our Organization met again the matter was again taken up.

It seems incredible that there is no way to eliminate the speeding we have recently been subjected to in our little community. Having no traffic control here, we still think there must be some way that might be found to curb this extreme recklessness.

Perhaps you have some suggestion to offer?

This is what I have been asked to point out to you: in as much as there is a very decided curve on the way towards Sausalito and a good deal of the speeding takes place the last few hundred feet before reaching this curve, we cannot see why a double line at this point would not be in order. Also at the other end of town, towards Bolinas, there is another dangerous curve. If both of these curves were double lined, and this line extended on either side, it would help considerably.

It is remarkable that there has been no very serious accident here on our overly crowded week-ends, but if something is not done an accident will certainly happen that will cause more precautionary methods of control to be enforced.

Several of us have noticed that on the highway between San Anselmo and San Rafael there is a series of gentle curves that the highway department has double lined for the entire distance, and put in the center marking plates as well.

As we have a gentle curve and two bad curves within a very short distance in the center of Stinson Beach what could be the objection to doing this here?

We shall hope to hear from you again regarding any other method of control you might have to suggest. As it is women and children are afraid to cross our highway on week-ends.

Yours very truly,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH  
Hilda M. Grunert  
Secretary.

*Hilda M. Grunert*



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**  
**DISTRICT IV**  
STATE BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 8th, 1938

PLEASE REFER  
TO FILE NO.

404.73

Miss Hilda M. Grunert  
Secretary, Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach  
Marin County, California

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 5th relative to elimination of speeding in the community of Stinson Beach--that double centerline traffic stripes be placed to curtail this violation.

As you were advised in our letter of July 11th, the area referred to does not qualify for double traffic stripes.

The curves at either end of your Town are no different than the numerous other curves encountered between this point and Sausalito, or between this point and Bolinas, and it is not practical, nor the policy of this Department, to stripe such curves unless some element of surprise is encountered which the motorist might not normally expect. This condition does not prevail in the area to which you refer, and as you were advised in our previous letter, the location is not one on which double centerline stripes should be placed.

The area mentioned by you between San Rafael and San Anselmo is not part of the State Highway System and therefore not under the jurisdiction of this Department.

While we attempt to have the cities and counties follow the practice set up by the American Association of State Highway Officials we have no means of enforcing such procedure.

Your problem seems to be one of law enforcement and for such consideration as might be given same it is suggested that you communicate with the Department of Motor Vehicles, under whose jurisdiction the Highway Patrol operates.

Very truly yours

Jno. H. Skeggs  
District Engineer

By *P. O. Harding*  
Assistant District Engineer



# SHORELINE HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Non - profit association of public officials, civic and farm organizations and others — to foster construction and improvement of the Shoreline highway — traversing and serving San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt Counties, in the Redwood Empire.

Affiliated with the

**REDWOOD EMPIRE ASSOCIATION**

Non-Profit Travel Promotion Organization Representing Nine Counties  
85 Post Street . . . . . San Francisco . . . . . GARfield 6554

August 10, 1938

## FOLLOW-UP ACTION ESSENTIAL NOW:

Last Friday, delegations from Redwood Empire and Shoreline Highway Counties (led by Supervisors Unit President E. J. Guidotti, Shoreline Highway Association President George Lindley and Highways Committee Chairman M. Goldman) appeared before the Highway Commission and Department of Public Works officials -- urging inclusion of certain construction projects in the 1939-41 State Highway Biennium Budget, as listed in "Master Schedule of Recommendations" prepared by the nine counties.

Included in these recommendations were requests for: construction and reconstruction of State Highway portions of the Shoreline Highway; also establishment of a prison road construction camp on the Shoreline Highway in Northern Mendocino County.

It is respectfully recommended that you immediately address a communication to the Director of Public Works and California Highway Commission (Sacramento) -- in support of these requests.

Copies of your communication would be appreciated at this office for our record and guidance.

You will be glad to know that the Sonoma County delegation added to its County recommendations a special request for improvement of the Sonoma County sector of the Shoreline Highway, which request was presented to the Commission last Friday.

With best wishes and regards,

Sincerely yours,

Clyde Edmondson  
General Manager



August 12, 1938.

Director of Public Works, and  
California Highway Commission,  
Sacramento.

Dear Sir;

This organization wishes to stand behind the  
" Master Schedule of Recommendations" prepared by the  
nine counties of the Redwood Empire .

We urge you to give particular attention to  
the construction and reconstruction of the State Highway  
portions of the Shoreline Highway; also establishment of  
a prison road construction camp on the Shoreline Highway  
in Northern Mendocino County.

We shall appreciate your consideration of these  
requests,

Yours very truly;

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH,

Hilda M. Brunert,  
Secretary.



Frank F. Merriam  
Governor of California

EARL LEE KELLY  
DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

C. H. PURCELL  
STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER



## California Highway Commission

JULIEN D. ROUSSEL, SECRETARY  
P. O. BOX 1499  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

August 17, 1938

Hilda M. Grunert, Secretary  
The Progressive Club of  
Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach, California

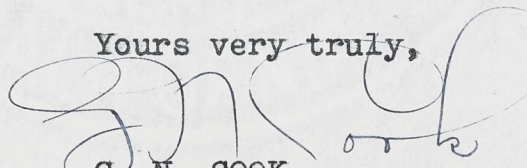
Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 12 in which your organization endorses the recommendation of the Redwood Empire Association for the improvement of the Shoreline Highway.

The Master Schedule of Recommendations as adopted by the Redwood Empire Association was presented to the California Highway Commission at its meeting held in Sacramento on August 5, 1938. At that time the Commission directed that these recommendations be made a matter of record for further consideration at the time of the preparation of the State highway budget for the coming biennium, which will be prepared some time this fall.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to express appreciation for your interest in the Shoreline Highway, and I trust that the action of the Commission in the preparation of its State highway budget will meet with your entire approval.

Yours very truly,



G. N. COOK  
Assistant Secretary



September 8, 1938.

California State Highway Patrol,  
Department of Motor Vehicles,  
Sacramento, California.

Dear Sir;

We have twice written to John H. Skeggs, District Engineer, regarding double lining the white line in the curved area of the State Shoreline Highway immediately in the town of Stinson Beach.

We have asked this because of the danger on the crowded week-ends. Many accidents have been just narrowly averted, but some day there will be a grand smash-up, if no preventative measures are taken.

Mr. Skeggs has said that because of the many curves elsewhere on our highway, he cannot double line the section through town, and he refers us to the State Highway Patrol for suggestions of other corrective measures.

Our request is for some sort of control when the week-end traffic is at it's peak. Our street is not wide and with many parked cars and everyone in a rush to be first out of town and on the hill grades, we need some additional signs, or an officer to make arrests when necessary, to impress upon the public the need for safer driving.

We find that due to the present conditions many families with children will not come to our beach because of the excessive danger in crossing our narrow uncontrolled street.

We appeal to you for help before rather than after some terrible accident has happened.

Yours very truly,

THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH.

Hilda M. Grunert  
Secretary.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
**Department of Public Works**

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

SACRAMENTO  
October 4, 1938

PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO.  
400.222

Progressive Club of  
Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach, California

Attention - Hilda M. Grunert, Sec.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September 8 to the Department of Motor Vehicles has been referred to us for an answer.

Your request was for a double line in the curved area of the State Shoreline Highway, State Sign Route C(1) in the town of Stinson Beach.

Our investigation shows that this area is within a twenty-five mile speed limit zone, that all paved entering streets have STOP signs, that there are CROSS ROAD signs in advance of the most important cross streets, and that our four-inch white center stripe is painted.

Under such conditions the double stripe would not only be unnecessary if existing restrictions were enforced, but its use would encourage a disregard at locations where it was correctly placed.

Yours very truly

C. H. PURCELL  
State Highway Engineer

By

*A. W. McElroy*  
Ass't. State Highway Engineer